

Western Regional Partnership

Reliable Outcomes for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure in the West

August 2014

Briefing Information

- Mission/Focus; Uniqueness of WRP Region;
 WRP Structure
- WRP Sixth Principals' Meeting Update; 2013-2014 Results
- WRP 2014-2015 Priorities

WRP Vision & Mission

(Vision Revised June 2014)



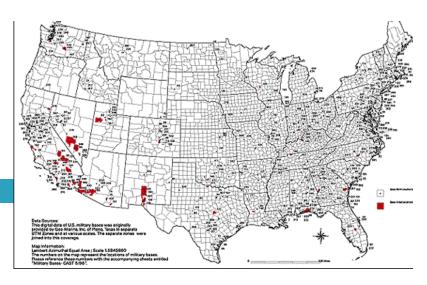
WRP Vision

WRP will be a significant resource to proactively identify and address common goals and emerging issues and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners.

WRP Mission

WRP provides a proactive and collaborative framework for senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership to identify common goals and emerging issues in the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness.

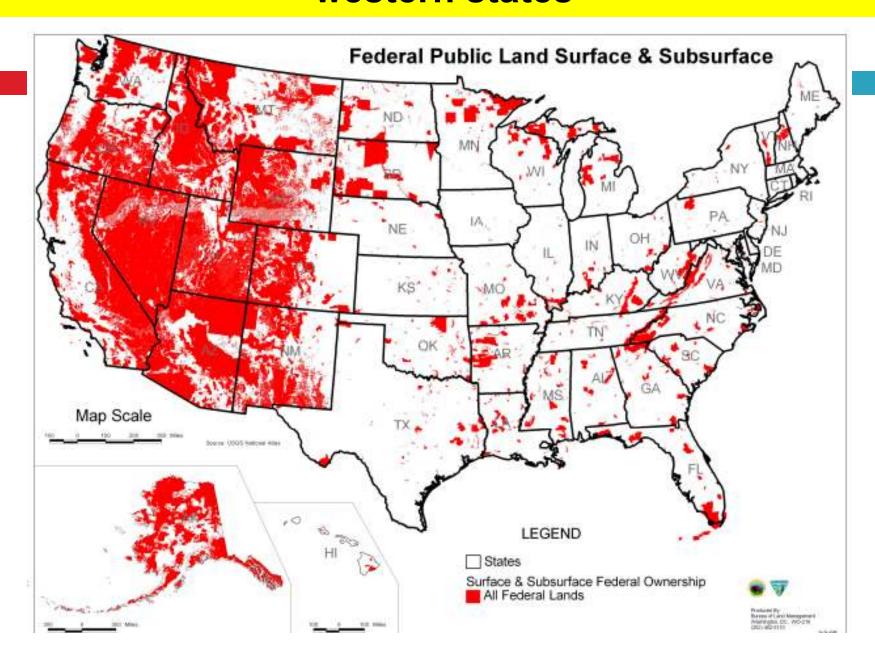
WRP Region's Uniqueness



Importance to the Military

- Extensive Training Ranges, Premier Testing Facilities, Unmatched Military Air Space
 - **Army:** ~40% of the Army's landholdings
 - Navy: Over 33% of Navy's landholdings
 - Marine Corps: 85% of Marine Corps' airspace; 67% of Marine Corps' Live Fire Ranges
 - **Air Force:** Includes four of the largest USAF range complexes Edwards, Nellis/Creech/NTTR; Luke/Goldwater; and UTTR
 - 75% of DoD Special Use Airspace is located within the WRP Region
- Significant State Trust Landholdings
- Approximately 188 Federally recognized Tribes
- Significant amounts of Federally managed land
 - In WRP states the amount of Federal land ranges from 34.1% -84.9% of total state land

88% of Federal Public Land is in the 12 most western states



State	% of Federal Land (not including DoD managed lands)	% of DoD Managed Land	% of Indian Trust Land	Private Land	State Trust Land	Size of State in square miles and ranking by area
Arizona	35.5%	6.6%	27.6%	17.5%	12.7%	114,000; 6 th largest state
California	40.2%	4.0%	.5%	50.3%	2.5%	160,000; 3 rd largest state
Nevada	78.8%	6.1%	1.42%	13.03%	.15%	110,561; 7 th largest state
New Mexico	29.7%	4.4%	10.2%	43.9%	11.6%	121, 593; 5 th largest state
Utah	63.6%	3.4%	4.5%	21%	7.5%	84,904; 13 th largest state

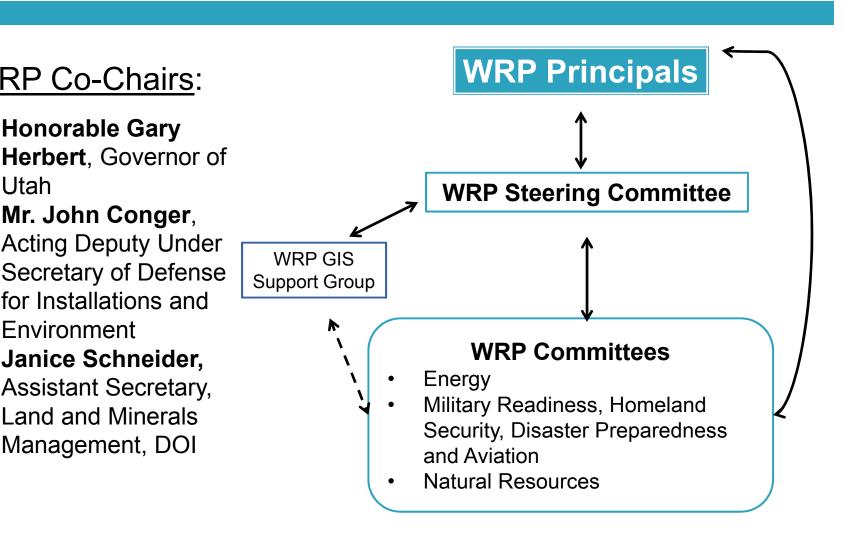
One of every six Americans lives in a WRP state and 16% of total US land mass is in the WRP-region

WRP Structure (Revision June 2014)

WRP Co-Chairs:



Utah Mr. John Conger, **Acting Deputy Under** Secretary of Defense for Installations and **Environment** Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, DOI













WRP DoD Principals

Air Force

- Lieutenant General Tod D. Wolters,
 Commander, 12th Air Force, Air Combat
 Command, and Commander, Air Forces
 Southern, U.S. Southern Command,
 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona
- Mr. James P. Holland, Principal Director, Environmental, Safety and Infrastructure Policy, Office of The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, the Pentagon, Washington, DC

Army

- Brigadier General Timothy R. Coffin,
 Commander, White Sands Missile Range
- Thomas J. Schoenbeck, Region Director, Central Region, US Army Installation Management Command

Army Corps of Engineers

Colonel (Promotable) Mark
 Toy, Commander of the South
 Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps
 of Engineers (USACE)

Marine Corps

Brigadier General Edward D.
 Banta., Commanding General,
 Marine Corps Installations West

<u>Navy</u>

Rear Admiral Patrick Lorge,
 Commander, Navy Region
 Southwest

<u>OSD</u>

 John C. Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment)

WRP Steering Committee



- Representatives of each of the five WRP States:
 - Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- Office of Secretary of Defense
- U.S. Air Force Headquarters
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U. S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Marine Corps Installations West
- U.S. Navy
- Native American Leadership:
 - Navajo Nation, Inter-Tribal Council of CA, Inc.
- Western Governors Association Liaison

WRP Sixth Principals' Meeting June 17-18, Phoenix, Arizona

- Established WRP 2014-2015 Priorities; with theme of "Reliable Outcomes for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure in the West"
- Approved revised WRP Charter, Mission/Vision document, WRP Structure and WRP Chair and Vice Chair of the WRP SC
- Agenda:
 - AZ Welcome by the Honorable Ken Bennett, AZ Secretary of State
 - Held five Plenary Sessions: Aviation; Energy; Military Readiness; Natural Resources; Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness
 - Invocation by Council Member Paul Russell, Ft McDowell Yavapai Nation
 - Keynote luncheon speech by Mr. Gregory G. Nadeau, Deputy Administrator, FWHA
- Received Committee Deliverables for their efforts since the last Principals' meeting
- Set the Seventh Principals' meeting to be held the week of June 22nd in conjunction with WGA Annual Meeting

WRP Sixth Principals' Meeting







2013-2014 WRP Results

- Collaborated on broad-based regional planning in Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave Ecoregion
- Delivered Eight Reports with Recommendations:
 - WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview and accompanying MET Tower Fact
 - WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
 - WRP Guide to Working with DoD
 - WRP Intro to Federal Partners
 - WRP Southeastern AZ/New Mexico Project GIS Suitability Analysis Report
 - WRP Mojave Project GIS Suitability Analysis Report
 - WRP Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
 - WRP Energy Guide
- GIS Support/Analysis; WRP "Super Map"

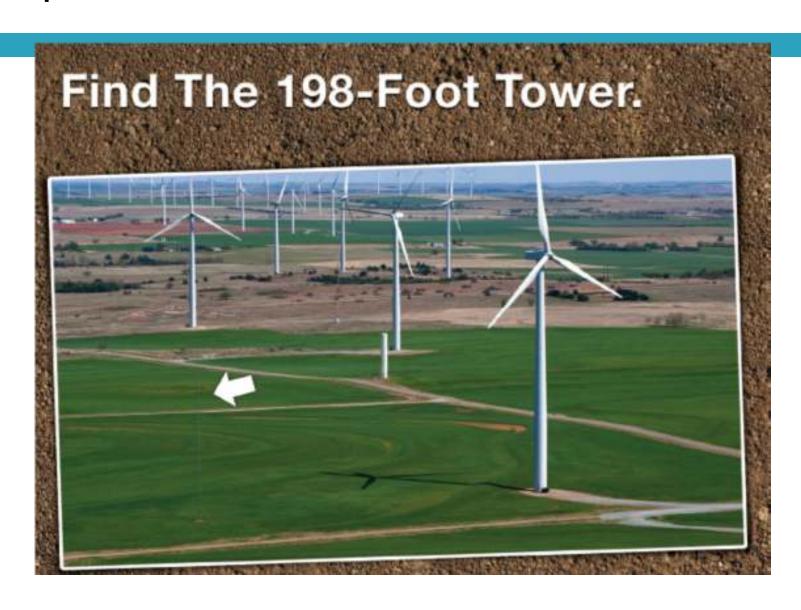
WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview and accompanying MET Tower Fact Sheet

Brief overview for policy makers and planners of aviation sustainability concerns, aviation coordination best practices and aviation resources

- Issues Identified with Recommendations:
 - Land Encroachment/Development
 - Changes in Aviation Operations
 - Electromagnetic Interference
 - New Technologies
- Aviation Coordination/Outreach Best Practices
- Aviation Tools and Resources
- Background/Airspace Definitional information



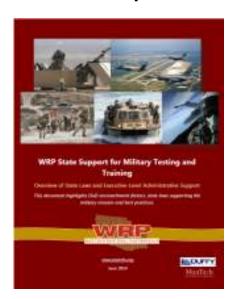
MET Tower Fact Sheet: Highlighting importance of notification and disclosure



WRP State Support for Military Testing and

Training: Overview of State Laws and Executive-Level Administrative Support

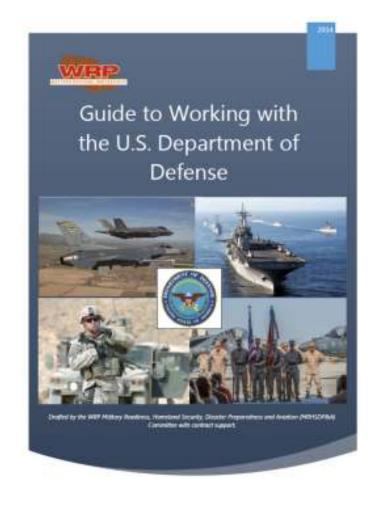
- Introduction on DoD encroachment
- Overview of State Laws and Executive-Level
 Administrative Support for AZ, CA, NV, NM and UT
- Highlights best practices in the following categories (no specific state mentioned)

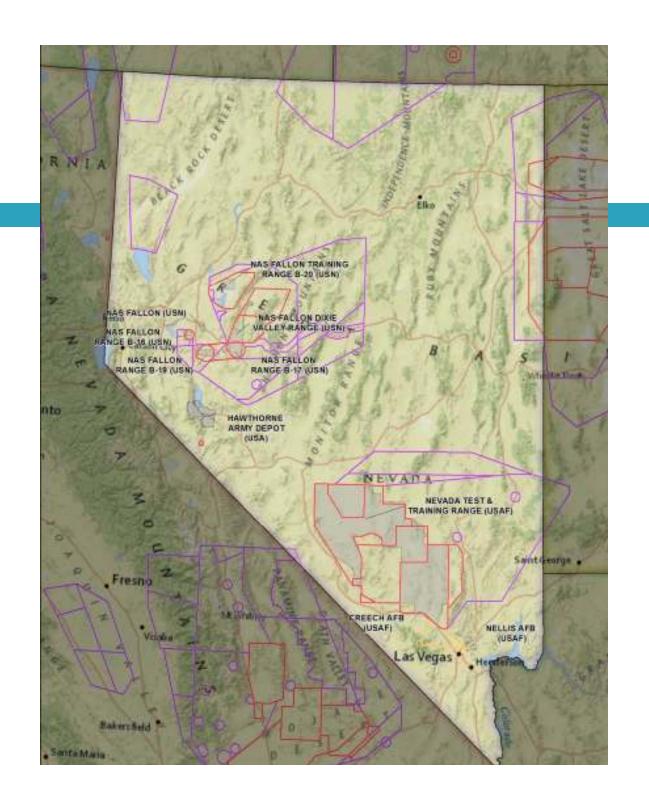


- State Military Committees
- Enhanced Planning, Communication and Notification
- Enhanced Disclosure of Military Operations
- Funding
- Enhanced Zoning Restrictions Around Military Airports
- Studies and Miscellaneous

WRP Guide to Working with the U.S. Department of Defense

- Purpose of document:
 - Provides an overview of the DoD mission with particular emphasis on the western region
 - Encroachment issues for DoD
 - Helpful resource when working with the military
- Includes:
 - Maps of military installations and ranges in WRP Region





WRP Federal Agency Guide



WRP Intro to Federal Partners

Provides brief summaries of the Federal agencies that participate in the WRP. This document should provide a tool to assist in working with Federal agencies



WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico Region and Mojave Projects

- Collaborated on broad-based regional planning
- Completed significant outreach, stakeholder input and GIS analysis which identified areas important to both ecological and military values
- Examined appropriate locations for conservation easements and other projects to enhance habitat, reduce loss potential and improve connectivity and support the military mission

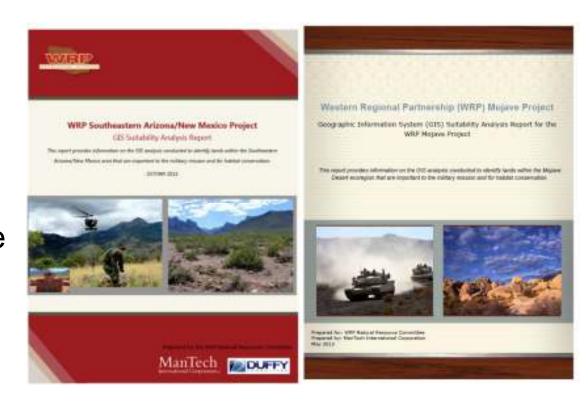
These areas were selected based on their significant wildlife, military testing and training, and renewable energy development and other infrastructure

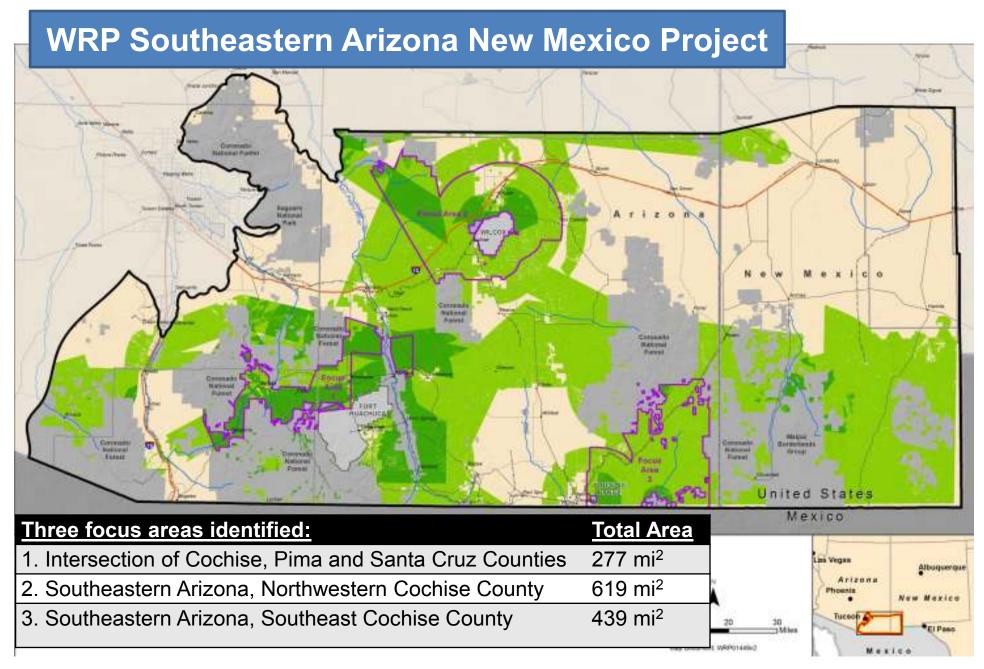
Project Area	Mojave	SoAZ/NM
Initial Study Area	50,424.62 square miles	13,100 square miles
Recommended Focus Area	1,154.98 square miles	1,335 square miles

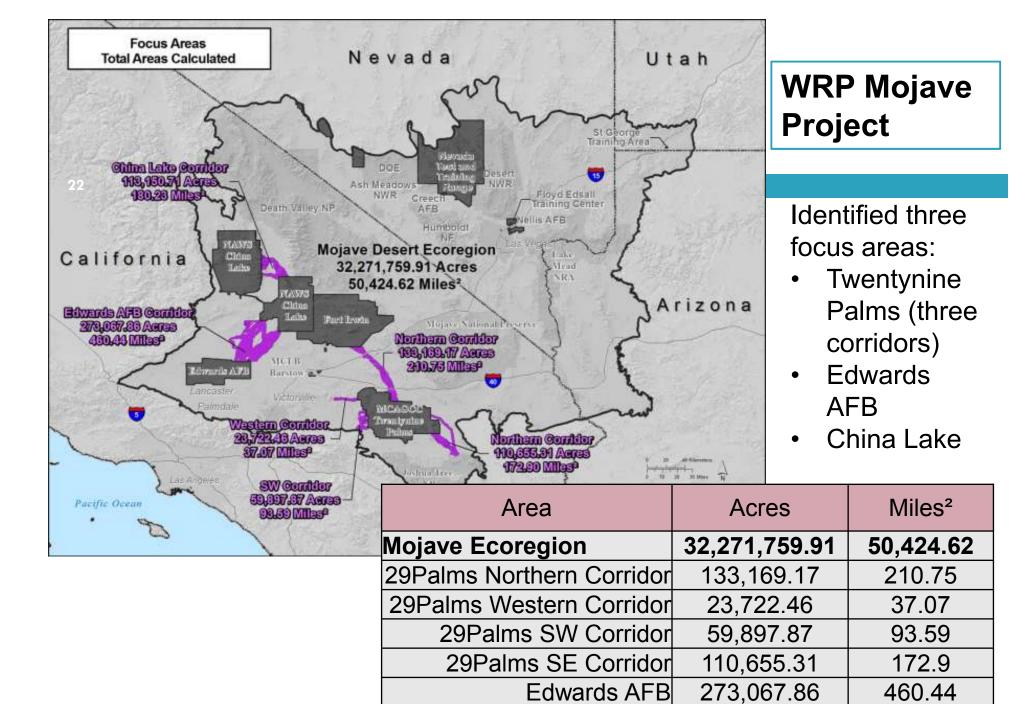
WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico Region and Mojave Projects (Continued)

GIS Suitability Analysis Report provides for each corridor information on:

- DoD importance
- Habitat/cultural sensitivity importance
- Land Use







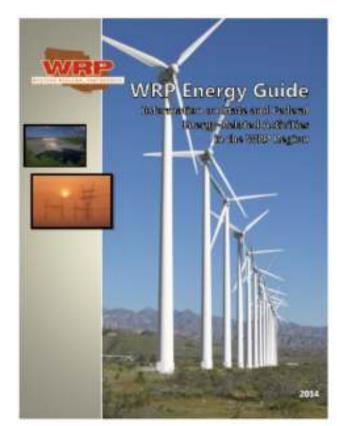
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China Lake

WRP Energy Guide

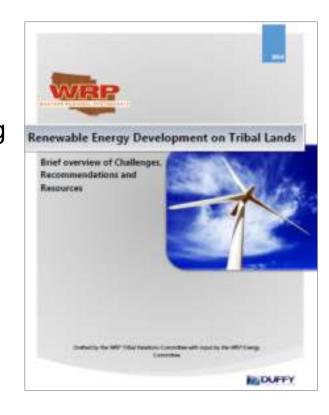
- Highlights State and Federal agency energy-related efforts within the WRP region:
 - Land ownership
 - State agencies involved in energy efforts including:
 - Regulatory bodies
 - RPS Standards
 - Relevant information on notification/coordination opportunities
 - Federal agencies involved in WRP efforts; high-level summary from publically accessible sources
- Serves as a tool for to assist policy makers and planners working together in a proactive and collaborative fashion



Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands

Highlights opportunities and challenges and offers recommendations regarding the development of renewable energy on Tribal lands

- Challenges and Recommendations regarding Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands
 - Federal and State Guidance and Assistance
 - Land Use for Renewable Energy Projects
 - Interconnection to Transmission Systems
 - Ability of Tribal Governments to Compete at an Economically Feasible Level - Rate Structure/Rate Parity
 - Need for Awareness of Natural Resources and Tribal Cultural and Religious Sites
- Resources Available to Assist



WRP Steering Committee 2014-2015 Priorities

- Staff their respective WRP Principals and conduct outreach internally within each WRP SC member's agency.
- Work with WRP Committees and GIS Support Group to ensure each has a strategic plan for the year that aligns with available resources and does not overcommit WRP Partners or WRP contract support
- Review WRP Committee actions and provide input and assistance to WRP Committee Chair(s) as appropriate
- Bring any relevant issues from their organization to WRP for awareness and potential action
- Advance efforts for Seventh Principals' meeting
- Assist in strengthening WRP's internal organization and external outreach so that it remains a robust and resilient organization
- Continue to encourage Tribal participation in WRP Committees and encourage communication among Tribes, States and Federal Agencies
- Maintain the WRP Federal Agency Guide with Federal SC input
- Continue to facilitate enduring working relationships with other entities such as the Western Governors' Association, Western State Water Council, etc. to support leveraging of efforts and reduce redundancies of efforts.

WRP Energy Committee 2014-2015 Recommended Priorities

- Continue to share information with a focus on identifying potential new renewable energy projects and transmission lines within the WRP region
- Develop Committee recommendations to assist in addressing potential impacts to WRP members regarding new energy projects and associated transmission with a special focus on the military's ability to test and train and impacts on natural and cultural resources and on Tribal lands
- Work to better integrate agency reviews into state, federal and Tribal permitting processes by reviewing existing efforts and sharing best practices
- Identify and capture trends that might impact changes in energy projects such as federal or state government policy changes (e.g., change in renewable energy credits or other incentives)
- Coordinate as necessary with other WRP Committees on energy-related issues

WRP MRHSDP&A Committee's 2014-2015 Priorities

- Work with its members to highlight DoD activities in the WRP region including such things as changes in the mission and future DoD land withdrawals
- Capture and share information on any changes in:
 - Airspace use, such as UAV operations in WRP region
 - Spectrum sharing/reallocation
- Work to identify issues, gaps and solutions with a special focus on:
 - Supporting military readiness and addressing compatible land uses in the vicinity of military operations
 - Building resilience to assist with disaster response, and
 - Collaboration and information sharing on members' respective missions to foster awareness of the interdependence among Partners
- Maintain WRP Committee documents to ensure the most current issues are captured with best recommendations and facilitating of best practices:
 - WRP Airspace Sustainability Overview document
 - WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training
 - WRP Guide to Working with DoD

2014-2015 WRP Natural Resources Committee's Priorities

- Provide information on new endangered species listings, areas of critical importance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife proposed rules, etc., develop recommendations on how WRP Partners might assist with the efforts to preclude listing of additional species that may impact Partners' missions and identify pilot projects to foster sustainability of necessary habitat
- Highlight new or expanded transportation corridors and develop recommendations on how WRP Partners might assist with the facilitation of infrastructure while preserving natural resources
- Work with Partners to identify implementation methods for recommendations developed for the WRP Southeastern Arizona/New Mexico and WRP Mojave projects
- Engage with the Federal Sentinel Landscapes Coordinating Committee to assist its designation of Sentinel Landscapes in the WRP region
- Partner with WGA, WSWC and other WRP Partners to provide input on water sustainability as part of an ongoing Western dialogue

2014-2015 WRP GIS Support Group Priorities

The WRP GIS Support Group, assisted with contractor support, will:

- Provide GIS analysis, mapping, and data support to the Committees and develop support tools to assist in collaboration and planning initiatives within the WRP region
- Integrate appropriate Tribal, Federal, State, and other available data sources into the <u>WRP Web Mapping Application</u> (WMA) for use in regional planning by WRP Partners
- Encourage use of the <u>Regional Project Database (RPD)</u> for WRP Partners to both obtain and provide information on projects and grant/funding opportunities in the region and to assist with broader coordination on projects
- The GIS Support Group includes one lead person who acts as the liaison for each WRP Committee by:
 - Identifying opportunities for using GIS to advance the WRP Committees' efforts
 - Communicating examples of GIS projects relevant to the WRP Committees
 - Working with the WRP Steering Committee to prioritize GIS support requests in consideration of available resources



In Sum, Value of WRP

- Opportunity to engage with states, federal and Tribal entities across WRP region
 - Regional Coordination Opportunities: Transmission, military operations, wildlife and Tribal issues do not follow state boundaries
 - Relationships: Knowing who to call and having them recognize who you are before the crisis
- Enhancing situational awareness of policy and emerging issues
 - Solving Problems/Creating solutions
 - IIP (Information Is Power): Knowing what is being planned by whom allows early strategizing of an appropriate response
- Access to tools and WRP Deliverables
 - WRP Web Mapping Application, Regional Project Database, Airspace Sustainability Guide, WRP State Support for Military Testing and Training, WRP Mojave Project, WRP Southeastern Arizona New Mexico Project, etc.
- Identifying Opportunities
 - Understanding where interests overlap can lead to project solutions
 - Leveraging Resources
- GIS Working Agreements to improve coordination and collaboration
 - WRP has five GIS working Agreements (with the Geoscience Information Network (GIN) and the wildlife agencies of the States of California, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah)

Questions?

For more information please see www.wrpinfo.org